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empty the cargo compartments were filled with straw under pressure, and later whitewashed. Rat guards were maintained on the wharf lines. Of the total crew of 58, 45 were Lascars, and their effects were disinfected. A supplemental bill of health was issued to the steamship *Sagami* bound for New York. On the morning of March 11, the day before sailing, the wife of the captain died from cholera, after an illness of five days. The body was at once removed, and under my personal observation all bedding, carpet, and articles in the cabin suspected of contamination were burned in the furnace.

The cabin was then washed down with mercuric chloride solution by the local authorities. The disinfection was completed by the liberal use of formalin in drawers and closets and on cloths suspended in the cabin. There was no evidence of infection of the ship except in this one cabin. There was a history of exposure to a sudden rain, followed by eating of ice cream and drinking of lemonade, with subsequent chill, followed by the fatal illness. A note was appended to the bill of health setting forth the above facts.

There was a total crew of 48, of which 38 were Lascars, whose effects were disinfected, together with those of 12 steerage passengers bound for St. Louis. These latter showed good vaccination scars and in two instances evidence of having had smallpox.

Rat guards were kept on the wharf lines during the ship's stay at dock, but the hold was not fumigated, owing to the presence of cargo on her arrival.

*Plague rate—Infected rats.*

Plague still continues about parallel with the rate of last year. Infection has recently been found among the dead rats in the infected districts.

**ITALY.**

*Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Mauritius.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, March 21 and 26, as follows: During the week ended March 19, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

**NAPLES.**

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Mar. 14	Palatia.....	New York .....	1,244	100	1,523	17
16	Algeria .....	do .....	1,078	50	1,338	7
17	Gallia .....	do .....	1,017	50	1,110	12
18	Citta di Napoli.....	do .....	1,301	150	1,225	10
18	Prinzess Irene .....	do .....	1,211	170	1,830	10